

U.S. Application No.: NEW
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket: 3926.142

REMARKS

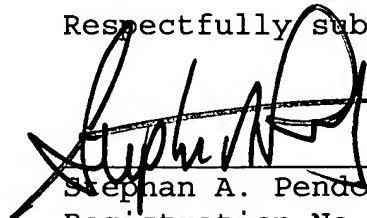
The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Paragraph [00010] has been amended to remove references to Claim 1 in the specification. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added.

The new claims and new paragraphs [00026] - [00031] were added during the International Phase on January 11, 2005. Rather than file substitute translation pages, Applicants enter the changes simply by way of Preliminary Amendment, as recommended in the MPEP section 1893.01(a)(3).

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephan A. Pendorf', is written over a horizontal line.

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